Committees (TACs) are made in the prescribed categories as approved by Hon'ble Minister for Communications.

(b) and (c) Telephone/Telecom Advisory Committees have already been set up in all the States and meetings of the TACs are held from time to time preferably when the Parliament is not in Session. Efforts are made to hold TAC meetings regularly, however, at some places meetings get delayed due to geographical constraint and unforeseen reasons. The department of Telecom has issued instructions to all the Circle Offices to hold TAC meetings regularly at a convenient date and time every quarter of the year preferably when the Parliament is not in Session.

Depositing of telephone bills in banks

†994. SHRI BACHANI LEKH RAJ: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that with a view of facilitate the telephone subscribers Government are considering to increase the number of such banks where telephone bills can be deposited;

(b) if so, whether Government have taken any action in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Over 3457 branches of various nationalised/scheduled banks and the State Bank of India have already been authorised throughout the country for collection of bills for the Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited and Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited. Efforts are being made to increase this number further.

Improvement of telecom network in Manipur

995. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the frequent disruption of telephone network in Imphal and other districts of Manipur;

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†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.